

## Reference Guide to Selected Practice Requirements

1. HIV/STD services are free of charge to patients: *10A NCAC 41A .0204 (a)*  
Refer to LHD Agreement Addenda #536 regarding exceptions.
2. HIV/STD services must be provided according to CDC and North Carolina Public Health Program Manual Guidelines: *10A NCAC 41A .0204 (b)(2)), (c)(2)*
3. Individuals presenting for HIV/STD services with known or suspected exposure to a sexually transmitted disease must be examined, tested, and treated according to CDC guidelines. *10A NCAC 41A .0204 (b)2, (c)2*  
See “Expedited Partner Therapy” and “Express Clinic” in the Clinical Assessment Section regarding exceptions.
4. Syphilis testing is required for patients being evaluated for STDs unless they have a documented negative syphilis test result within the last 30 days. *10A NCAC 41A .0204 (d)*
5. Prenatal services in local health departments shall include testing for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia at the first prenatal visit. Additionally, all pregnant women shall be tested for syphilis between 28 and 30 weeks gestation and at delivery. Pregnant women 25 years of age and under shall be tested for chlamydia and gonorrhea in the third trimester or at delivery if not tested in the third trimester. *10A NCAC 41A .0204 (e)*
6. HIV testing must be provided routinely for all STD visits and all maternity patients unless the patient declines. *10A NCAC 41A .0202 (14), (16)*
7. Tuberculin skin testing is required for all HIV positive patients. *10A NCAC 41A .0202 (14), (16)*
8. Twenty-four hour telephone reporting is required for HIV seropositives and syphilis titers  $\geq 1:8$ .  
*10A NCAC 41A .0102 (a)(1), (d)(2)*
9. Partners of individuals infected with HIV/AIDS and syphilis must be notified of their exposure. The local health department or the Division of Public Health is required to offer partner notification services. The Division is specifically required to offer HIV partner notification services.  
*10A NCAC 41A .0204 (c), (3); 10A NCAC 41A .0202 (13)*
10. Individuals infected with STDs other than syphilis are required to notify their sexual partners.  
*10A NCAC 41A .0204 (a), (3)*
11. HIV and STD control measures are specified by the NC Administrative Code (*10A NCAC 41A*). Attending physicians shall give control measures to a person suspected of having a reportable STD. Local health directors are charged with ensuring that control measures have been given. *NC General Statutes 130A – 144*
12. Confidentiality is required for all persons who have or may have reportable communicable diseases and conditions. Release of information must be in accordance with *NC General Statutes 130A – 143*.
13. Women under 25 years of age, symptomatic women, and pregnant women are eligible for nucleic amplification testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia through the NC State Laboratory of Public Health.  
*Refer to Clinical Assessment Section.*
14. Registered Nurses providing the continuum of care, i.e., examining clients, ordering and interpreting lab tests, and determining treatment must have STD Enhanced Role (STD ERRN). Standing orders must be in place to support practice. *Refer to LHD Agreement Addenda #536*